595 They have as many wives as they want, especially the chiefs and their children. They even have them on different islands. The wives live in separate little huts and sleep with their husbands in succession, one during one month, the other the next month. The one who is sleeping with the husband serves him during this time and follows him
[684] everywhere, even to sea. If they surprise their wives in adultery or if the wives become pregnant by another man, they usually kill them, even though they sometimes leave them for two or three years without
[584] going to see them. The men are free to leave their wives, [597] and the wives may then remarry; but the wives do not have the right to
[152] leave their husbands. Even though the husband may have several wives, these are hardly jealous, except perhaps rarely.

606 The husband never speaks to the father, mother, and brothers of his wife, unless they are drunk or are children. If he meets them on the same path, he avoids them by making a big detour. If necessity obliges them to speak, as when they are at sea, they turn their faces
585 away and cut the conversation short. They use no ceremony at all for their marriage. If the girl does not already belong to the man,
[582] as the cousin issued from the [mother's] sister, he asks for her from the father or mother. They do not know what it is to speak of love. They rarely marry without the consent of their father or mother. The
● [833] men do not sleep with their wives unless they are really nubile and capable of having children. When the wives are delivered of child,
846 the husbands separate from them and they do not sleep together for five or six months. And they both fast—it is one of their most famous fasts—especially when their first child is a boy. The man fasts more rigorously than the woman, lest the child suffer. Father Raymond being at the home of The Baron at Dominica, went to see one of these fasters and as the Father spoke to him of this fast, the Carib told him that some men completely abstain from drinking and eating for the first five days after a childbirth by their wives, and then take nothing but some ouicou from the sixth to tenth days. After that they eat nothing but cassava and drink ouicou for the period of a month or two. Note that they eat nothing but the heart of the cassava and hang the rest with a cord for the feast. It is true that when they begin to eat, they eat and drink when they want, but nothing more than cassava and ouicou. When the day of the feast arrives, their friends assemble and one slashes the skin of the father's whole body with agouti teeth,